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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/197,643
Confirmation Number	1520
Filing Date	November 23, 1998
First Named Inventor	Naoki KUWATA
Group Art Unit	2615
Examiner Name	TRAN, Nhan T.
Matter Number	Q52377
Title	IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND MEDIUM CONTAINING IMAGE PROCESSING CONTROL PROGRAM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on July 11, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge for the RCE statutory fee of \$750.00 and all required fees,
except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments
to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

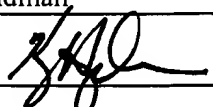
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Signature  Date August 11, 2003